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LETTER DATED 17 NOVEMBER 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that, during the period from 1 to 10 November 1994, United States aircraft continued to violate Iraqi national airspace for the purpose of observation and provocation and in order to drop heat flares.

1 November 1994

Southern region: 151 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitudes, centred on Busayyah, Nasiriyah, Jalibah, Artawi, Samawah, Basra, Chabaish, Salman, Qurnah, Shanafiyah, the area south of Diwaniyah and Oal'at Sukkar.

- At 1218 hours on 1 November 1994, five hostile formations violated Iraqi airspace to a depth of 15-20 km flying at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitudes over Qal'at Sukkar.

2 November 1994

- (a) Northern region: 17 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitudes, centred on Mosul, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar, Aqrah and Amadiyah.
- (b) Southern region: 48 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitudes, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Qurnah, Shatrah, Artawi, Jalibah and Busayyah.

3 November 1994

- (a) Northern region: 19 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitudes, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Zakho, Ayn Zalah and Amadiyah.
- (b) Southern region: 70 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitudes, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Artawi, Chabaish, Jalibah and Busayyah.

 At 1310 hours on 3 November 1994, a hostile aircraft dropped 5 heat flares on Fa'idah in Dohuk Governorate.

4 November 1994

- (a) Northern region: 13 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitudes, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Amadiyah, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar, and Ayn Zalah.
- (b) Southern region: 76 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitudes, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Amarah, Khidr, Qal'at Salih, Qurnah, Chabaish, Salman and Artawi.
 - At 0920 and 1121 hours on 4 November 1994, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft violated Iraqi airspace flying at a speed of 600 km/h and at an altitude of 20,000 m over Artawi, Chabaish, Qal'at Sukkar, Shanafiyah, Jalibah, Shatrah, Samawah, Nasiriyah and Jabal Sanam. They left at 1023 and 1235 hours in the direction of Kuwait.

5 November 1994

- (a) Northern region: 23 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitudes, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.
- (b) Southern region: 78 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitudes, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Artawi, Jalibah, Busayyah, the area south of Diwaniyah and Ushbayjah.
 - At 0905 and 1125 hours on 5 November 1994, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft violated Iraqi airspace flying at a speed of 600 km/h and at an altitude of 20,000 m over Basra, Jalibah, Busayyah, Artawi, Nasiriyah, and the area south of Diwaniyah. They left at 1015 and 1240 hours in the direction of Kuwait.

6 November 1994

Northern region: 51 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitudes, centred on Samawah, Salman, Qurnah, Chabaish, Busayyah and Suq al-Shuyukh.

- At 0855 and 1110 hours on 6 November 1994, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft violated Iraqi airspace, flying at a speed of 600 km/h and at an altitude of 20,000 m over southern Iraq. They left at 1006 and 1320 hours in the direction of Kuwait.

7 November 1994

(a) Northern region: 9 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitudes, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Amadiyah and Aqrah.

- (b) Southern region: 87 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitudes, centred on Artawi, Jalibah, Samawah, Busayyah, Nasiriyah and Shatrah.
 - From 0905 hours to 1350 hours, three United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft violated Iraqi airspace flying at a speed of 600 km/h and at an altitude of 20,000 m over southern Iraq, as follows:
 - 1. The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 0905 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1000 hours.
 - 2. The second flight entered Iraq at 1117 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1350 hours.
 - 3. The third flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1150 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1225 hours.

8 November 1994

Southern region: 66 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitudes, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Basra, Qurnah, Artawi, the area south of Najaf, the area south of Diwaniyah, Jalibah, Salman and Busayyah.

- On 8 November 1994, two United States TR-1 aircraft flying at a speed of 600 km/h and at an altitude of 20,000 m violated Iraqi airspace over southern Iraq, as follows:
- 1. The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 0904 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1020 hours.
- 2. The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1108 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1323 hours.

9 November 1994

- (a) Northern region: 8 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitudes, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Agrah, Tall Afar, Zakho and Amadiyah.
- (b) Southern area: 62 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitudes, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qal'at Salih, Artawi, Shatrah and Busayyah.

10 November 1994

Southern region: 62 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitudes, centred on Artawi, Jalibah, Busayyah, Salman, Qurnah, Nasiriyah, Chabaish, Samawah and Khidr.

- At 0905 and 1115 hours on 10 November 1994, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 km/h and at an altitude of 20,000 m violated Iraqi airspace over southern Iraq.

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I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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